

ABSTRACT

An indication from a device is received through a network. Upon a determination from the indication that the device is in a state in which a first system has not been loaded on the device, the device is instructed through the network to load the first system. Upon receiving through the network from the device an indication that the first system has been loaded, it is indicated through a (possibly remote) user interface that the device is in an “available” state in which the device is available to load an operating system selectable through the user interface. In one embodiment, upon a selection of an operating system, the device is instructed through the network to load the operating system. Upon receiving through the network from the device an indication that the operating system has been loaded, it is indicated through the user interface that the device is in a “provisioned” state in which an operating system has been loaded for the device. In one embodiment, the device may be instructed through the network to return to an “unprovisioned” and “available” state.